

SVCC Coaches Code of Conduct

Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club (SVCC) has adopted the following code of conduct to be followed by all individuals coaching for SVCC:

The Children Act defines a child as a person under 18 years of age.

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket;
- Treat everyone equally and do not discriminate on any grounds, including age, gender, religion, race, sexual orientation or disability;
- If you see any form of discrimination do not condone it or allow it to go unchallenged;
- Place the well-being and safety of children above the development of performance;
- Develop an appropriate coaching methods with children, based on mutual trust and respect;
- Ensure that physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within ECB guidelines;
- Always work in an open environment with others present (e.g. avoid private or unobserved situations with children);
- Do not engage in any form of sexually related contact or communications with children. This is strictly forbidden as is any sexual innuendo, flirting, messaging, social media contact, or inappropriate gestures and terms;
- Respect children's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket;
- Inform and explain players and parents of the requirements of cricket;
- Be aware of and report any conflict of interest as soon as it becomes apparent;
- Display high standards of language, manner, punctuality and presentation;
- Do not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with children. This reflects a negative image and could compromise their safety;
- Do not give children alcohol when they are under the care of SVCC;
- Hold and maintain relevant qualifications as required by ECB;
- Ensure the activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience, and ability of the individuals;
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket e.g. fair play;
- Display high standards of behaviour and appearance;
- Know, understand and follow all the ECB and SVCC Safe Hands Policies and other safeguarding related documentation;
- Ensure that you attend appropriate training to keep up to date with your role including safeguarding and First Aid requirements;
- Report any concerns you may have in relation to a child or adult, following ECB and SVCC reporting procedures, and including to the SVCC Safeguarding Officers.
- Follow ECB requirements for DBS checks, communicate any expiry or issues to the SVCC Safeguarding Officers, and maintain the ECB update service in order that your DBS doesn't expire annually and require re-submitting.

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